

issue here, this is...this is an issue about information and I think that all of us who are women senators in this room agree on the idea that information needs to be given to the pregnant women...woman. She should not...she should not go through an abortion without adequate information. Nobody disputes that. That is the issue. If we could come together and work on this issue, who knows what other issues that we could work on together and make things better for everybody on this whole, big issue of unwanted pregnancies and abortion. And I ask you to think about that. Darn right, we're scared, Senator Bernard-Stevens. We're putting ourselves in a terrible position, but I think you can trust us. I think we can do it. I ask for your support of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Members of the body, I am not going to vote for the amendment. Would like to tell you why. I think that there is a germ of what needs to be done within the amendment. Apologize for using the word "germ" because it makes it sound like it's a very small idea. It's not a small idea. It's a big idea. If it's a marvelous idea, it needs to be done, but there is one part of the amendment that I cannot support and that is the portion that simply strikes the existing provisions of LB 110. I remember remarks Senator Landis made years ago during, I think it was the ill-fated debate that Senator Bernard-Stevens was referencing, and he said there will be a time when those of you that are not extreme on this issue will need to take over the debate, and I think he, at that time, very fairly was characterizing himself as one who was in one of the extreme camps. I think that's happened this session with LB 110. I don't want to lose what I've seen happen with LB 110 to date. I think most Nebraskans are not in either camp and I would say one camp would be one that said absolutely no woman should have the right to choose, abortion should be outlawed. Nor do I think most Nebraskans are in the other camp which I would characterize as saying that abortion is simply any other medical procedure that should have absolutely no sanctions beyond any other medical procedure. Most Nebraskans, I think, and I think polls support this, most Nebraskans do favor a woman's right to choose ultimately, but most Nebraskans are troubled by the choice of terminating unwanted abort...pregnancies through a simple process of abortion that is treated as a simple medical procedure. They want something...something between, something that says that we are